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31 March 1952

Mr. Newbold Morris  
Special Assistant  
to the Attorney General  
Washington 25, D. C.

Dear Mr. Morris:

This will acknowledge your letter of 24 March requesting the services of [redacted] for temporary duty in your office on a reimbursable basis to begin on 1 April.

Pursuant to the law under which our Agency operates, we do not exercise, nor permit our employees to exercise, any investigative functions in the United States relating to domestic affairs. Furthermore, it is necessary for us to impose special security requirements with regard to our employees, particularly those who have been or may be engaged in operations abroad.

Under these circumstances, I regret that I am not in a position to authorize the assignment of [redacted]

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I am certain you will understand my position and am pleased to know that you have heard such good reports of [redacted] abilities.

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Sincerely

SIGNED

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March 24, 1952

General Walter B. Smith, U.S.A.  
Director of Central Intelligence  
Central Intelligence Agency  
Washington 25, D. C.

Dear General Smith:

Under authority of the Attorney General, on February 1st I was appointed a Special Assistant to conduct investigations leading to the detection of an appropriate action with respect to officers or employees of the Federal Government who may be guilty of improper or illegal conduct relating to the performance of official business of the Federal Government and to make recommendations to the President and the Attorney General for the correction and prevention of such conduct. Under Executive Order dated February 20, the President directed all executive departments and agencies to cooperate with me in this assignment.

For almost two months Mr. Carl Blaisdell has been with me acting as Executive Officer and has attended to all the administrative details of setting up this office. He must return to Assistant Secretary McNeil's office as soon as possible. In the meantime I have heard of [ ] who I believe has been working under General Trubee Davison.

His varied experience would make him extremely useful to this office. I am writing this letter therefore to request his assignment to this office on a reimbursable basis as of April 1st. It is my hope that my work can be completed by the middle of August of this year and therefore his assignment will be of a temporary nature. I earnestly hope that [ ] can be loaned on this temporary basis.

I would appreciate your courtesy and hope for approval as soon as possible.

Very sincerely yours,

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